## **EVENTS IN THE SUBURBS**

OPENING OF THE WEST INDIANAP-OLIS LIBRARY NEXT TUESDAY.

Over 2,000 Volumes as a Beginning-Rooms Lighted with Electricity-Brightwood and Haughville.

The West Indianapolis School Board has decided to open the new library, at the corner of River avenue and Morris street, to the public next Tuesday. The library will be open for the inspection of the citizens at 9 o'clock in the morning, and will continue open until after the special programme, which has been arranged for the reception in the evening. A piano has been | evening. rented for the occasion, and the entertainment of the visitors during the day has been given over to the pupils of the High School. The programme for the evening will consist of music and addresses. The Michigan street. music will be rendered by the High School pupils, assisted by Ida M. Goodwin, teacher of music in the school, and Richard B. Overman, barytone, each of whom will sing a solo. The music will be interspersed with the following addresses: "The Start of the Library," by Superintendent A. E. Martin, of the public schools; "Short History of Libraries in Western States," by C. H. Bundy, of the city, and "Church Work of a Li- Hospital, is now convalescing. brary," by Rev. J. W. J. Collins, of Trinity M. E. Church. After the completion of the regular programme, any citizen who wishes | father. to address a few words to the guests will be accorded the opportunity.

Miss Gertrude Hilligoss, the librarian, and her assistant, have not yet finished their task of listing the books, but there only over. An excellent list of books has been selected, and all are neatly shelved and, with the exception of a few volumes, numbered and ready to lend to borrowers. The books and delivery counter are in the south the building, and the two north rooms have been furnished for reading | few weeks. rooms. The tables and chairs in the reading rooms are of oak, and here the visitor | returned to her home, last Wednesday, has access to the daily papers of the city, a list of twenty-five of the principal periodicals and magazines. The library is lighted | palms have been tastefully aranged in the reading rooms, and pictures of Emerson, Lincoln, Tennyson, James Whitcomb Riley, walls. Everything has been arranged with a view of making it a pleasure to the visitors who spend an evening amid the literature here to be found. Over 2,000 vol- About 350 men are employed at the works umes have been secured, at a cost of \$1,963. The rules governing the suburb's library are similar to those in force at the city ibrary. The applicant for a card must be over ten years old, and fill out an application blank which must be signed by a responsible person as guarantor, and the guarantee is good for two years. Books may be retained two weeks unless otherlabeled, and can be renewed only once for the same period. Seven-day and finable books cannot be renewed. A fine of 3 cents will be charged for each day a book is retained beyond the time allowed. Recommendation slips have been provided, and any person using the library desiring any ok not belonging to it, is requested to recommend its purchase on one of these slips, to which they must sign their name and residence. Unless there is some reason for not doing so the committee will purchase the book as soon as possible. Th nmittee of the library for this year is: On the School Board, T. P. Overman, S. A. Morgan and J. M. Tooley; advisory commit-W. B. West, J. W. J. Collins, W. J. Shinn, W. B. Gillesple, Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Mrs. J. J. Totten, Mrs. M. N. Parr and A. Miss Gertrude Hilligoss, librarian, and Miss Lizzie Calef, assistant librarian.

### A MEDAL FOR BRAVERY. John McKenzie's Record as a Sharp-

shooter Finally Recognized.

John McKenzie, of Wheeler street, has received a letter from the War Department at Washington, D. C., stating that he had been awarded a medal for bravery during the war, and asking him to write a letter stating the incident. He has not yet written the department, but the act which secured him the medal was the shooting of a rebel sharpshooter who was picking off. one by one, the members of his company | in need of aid. as they lay in camp. The sharpshooter was stationed in a tree some distance away from the Union lines, and, braving death, Mr. McKenzie climbed a tree near his own lines and after three shots brought his opponent to the ground. One shot from the rebel rendered a gun in McKenzie's hands useless and another had to be passed up to him by his comrades.

Brightwood's School Settlement.

For several days the Board of School Trustees of Brightwood has been trying to versy regarding the title to the school building located on Brightwood avenue, tlement with the township to carrying the or hand. matter through the courts and incurring additional expense for the suburb.

West Indiana polis.

Mrs. Anna Weaver, of Garland street, is at Spencer's Hall next Saturday evening. Mrs. John Linneman, of Lambert street. who has been quite ill, is now convalescing. Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Gillette took up their residence at No. 28 Garland street last

house for several months. Much interest is being taken in the re-

River-avenue Baptist Church. ball will be given by the Haymakers

of Comanche Loft, No. 128%, at Spencer's Hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 18. Mrs. Wilborn Wilson, of Reisner street, who has been the guest of friends at Wilkinson, Ind., has returned home. Mr. William J. Shinn, of West Morris

street, left last Monday for Iowa, through which State he is making a business trip. The Young Men's Institute will give an entertainment at Wulff's Hall, corner of Nordyke avenue and Morris streets, Feb. 24. Mr. Robert B. Newby, of Mooresville, d., was the guest of his nephew, Mr. B.

W. Rariden, of Howard street, last week. Miss Josie Snewdan, of Alexandria, Ind., will be the guest of her sister. Mrs. S. A. Morgan, of River avenue, during the coming week. Mrs. Harris, of Ashland street, will ac-

company Miss Nona McCormick to New Salem, Rushville, Milroy and other places during the coming week, where they go by special invitation to give musical and literary entertainments.

The Rathbone Sisters gave an old-fashloned spelling match at Spencer's Hall Tuesday evening, which was well attended. Miss Bessle Overstreet was awarded the first and Mr. Charles Bailey the second first wild animal I cannot tame. prize for the best spellers.

The Women's Benevolent Society has placed contribution boxes at various frequented points in the suburb, and with them are posted notices announcing that contributions are solicited for the purpose of purchasing food, fuel and clothing for position on the matrimonial engagement the suffering poor to whom they are giving question. "When a woman," says this pro-

The revival services at the First M. E. Church will close to-night with a jubilee service. Rev. Dr. Lasby, of Central-avenue M. E. Church, Dr. E. B. Rawls, of Edwin Ray M. E. Church, and Mrs. May each conducted interesting services during last week. About fifty converts have been made during the series.

The Elite Mandolin Orchestra, consisting of twenty members, with the following officers. Folie Hamilton, president; Harry Wheeler, vice president; Cecil Deer, secretary; Charles Bailey, treasurer, and W. Frosh, manager, will give a concert for the benefit of the Women's Benevolent Soclety at Spencer's Opera House Wednesday

evening, Feb. 24. The members of the fire department say that many of the serious fires that have reached the age of, say twenty-eight or occurred recently were caused by the suf- thirty, she is so proficient a tudge of human ferers attempting to combat the flames | nature that in a few hours she reads a man | and peered at Shelley, with "his seraph- | jury assessed the damages at £65. Assumalone, instead of turning in an alarm at one like an open book.

of the alarm boxes. Some of the citizens replied that they did not know where to find a key, and the department immediately set to work placing the keys where they could easily be found. Last Friday the keys to boxes in the First ward were all located and a shipping tag on which had been printed in large capitals, "Fire Alarm Key," was attached; and thus labeled the the porches of the houses in the immediate vicinity of the various boxes. The department says that it now hopes each citizen will locate at least one key to the box nearest his residence, and make use of it in case of fire. Keys to the remaining boxes will also be tagged and placed in view as rapidly as possible.

Haughville. Mrs. Clements Von Burg, of Sheffield ave-Mr. H. W. Flanner, of Albany, Ind., is

visiting his parents on Germania street. Mrs. Hattie Jones, of West Michigan street, is seriously ill with an attack of the

Messrs. Emmerick and Schrader gave a dance at Weinbright's Hall last Thursday Mr. M. E. Barrett returned home yesterday, after a week's visit with friends at

Mrs. Mary Scott, of Fortville, Ind., is the guest of her son, D. N. Moroney, of West Mr. Charles H. Trotter, of the Ewart

Manufacturing Company, is seriously ill The La France Dancing Club will give an invitational dance at the Town Hall next Tuesday evening. Mr. Daniel Elwanger and family have re-

turned to this suburb to live, after a short

residence at Elwood, Ind. Mr. William Brennan, of Michigan street, who has been lying ill at St. Vincent's Mr. William L. Hobbs, of Michigan street,

was called to Daviess county very suddenly last Tuesday, owing to the death of his A prize masque ball will be given at Weinbright's Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 15, for the benefit of the baseball club of the

Miss Dorothy Weed, who has been the guest of Mrs. S. W. Barnett, of Sheffield yet remains about 100 volumes to be gone | avenue, has returned to her home in Den-

Miss Jessie French, who has been the guest of Rev. A. W. Wood for the last two months, has returned to her home at Kent-

of Rev. F. Kalbfleisch, of Belmont avenue, has gone to Louisville, Ky., to visit for a Miss Gertrude Kelly, of Franklin, Ind.,

after a three weeks' visit with Mrs. Burnett, of King avenue. Miss Lulu Brock and Mr. Charles Fotsche, of this city, were married last | limited education, and it is hard for them throughout with electricity, and potted | Sunday evening at the home of the bride's | to realize that they are to get the benefit parents on King avenue.

The German Benevolent Society gave a ball at its hall, on Warman avenue, last Lincoln, Tennyson, James Whitcomb Riley, Tuesday evening, which is reported a suc-and "The Reading of Homer," adorn the cess, both socially and financially. The Malleable iron works started another furnace last Friday morning, and now have four furnaces and a cupola in operation.

> at present. The Brown-Ketcham employes are preparing to give a benefit ball for William Graper, of Holmes avenue. Mr. Graper is the electrician who lost a limb recently, ow-

> ing to an accident at the shop. The revival meetings at the King-street M. E. Church were concluded last Friday night with a sermon by Rev. William Biddle, of the California-street M. E. Church. Fifty-four converts have been

> > Brightwood.

Mrs. Moyer and son George, of Potomac Ill., are the guests of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Traub, of South Station street. Mr. Joseph Joiner, of the terra cotta works, who has been dangerously ill for

some time, is now slowly improving. Mr. Henry Hurst, of the Big Four, who recently married a young lady of Union City, is here looking for a place to reside Secretary Theodore Gatchell, of the Y. M. C. A., left yesterday for Cleveland, O., where he will visit friends for a few days. Mr. Frank Smith, who is visiting near Tampa, Fla., for the benefit of his health. writes home that he is rapidly improving. Mr. Louis Miller and family, of Depot street, were yesterday called to Fort Wayne, where his father lies dangerously

Rev. Mr. C. E. Groves, of the Congregational Church, will address the Railroad Y. M. C. A. meeting this afternoon at 3

Mrs. Knop was given a surprise party by her friends at her home on Greenleaf row last Wednesday evening, it being an anniversary of her birthday. The relief organization established by the

found very few poor people suffering and There are five annexation petitions in

circulation in this suburb and the committee having them in charge report that about five out of every six citizens approached lend their signature to them.

HAS NO FEAR OF SNAKES. Maryland Man Who Allows Poisonous Reptiles to Bite Him.

New York Herald. The only man in the world who does not fear a snake bite, and upon whom the | the account lay dormant, growing by the venom of serpents apparently has no effect, addition of the interest until it amounted is William F. Witmer, whose home is in to about \$3,500. In some way an unscrupu-Wolfsville, Md. His performances with lous lawyer heard of it, and, after the mancopperheads, rattlers and vipers are a con- ner of his kind, went to the mechanic with stant source of wonder and amazement to a plausible tale. 'What will you give me,' time ago. The matter was settled amicably stant source of wonder and amazened a plausible tale. What will you give me, all who know him, and even to his lifelong he asked, if I will prove to you that there is a large element of mystery is a sum of several thousand dollars due tee giving the school trustees a deed to the about the man and his strange power over you, and put you in the way of getting property, he having satisfied himself after snakes. He takes great pride in this re- the money? The mechanic was naturally investigation that the township had no claim to the building. The former trustee, Mr. Gold, fought several similar cases with the city through the courts, and they were the city through the courts, and they were the city through the courts, and they were the courts as a construction of the courts, and they were the courts are considered in this terms are considered in this ter all decided against him. The school trus- it fits his purpose-and to let the reptile should be divided between them. Theretees preferred to arrange a peaceable set- | sink its venomous fangs in his bare arm | upon the lawyer let out his 'secret.'

Recently, while on a visit in the mountains of western Pennsylvania, a half dozen | about that,' replied the mechanic; 'I have spotted vipers were found in a bunch under | known all along that I had the money a stone. Rolling up the sleeve of his coat there.' But the lawyer flaunted the conuntil his arm was bare to the elbow. Witmer proceeded with his other hand to take largest and ugliest looking viper by "The Jolly Four" will give a masque ball | the tail, and, shaking him apart from the rest of the snakes, swung him about until bank." lowed the viper to sink its teeth in his

Then one by one the other vipers were picked up and allowed to selze the arm. until there were a full half dozen of the Mrs. Stierwalt, of South McClain street, spotted, writhing things hanging from Witthe arm in a very frenzy of rage. When the spectators were sufficiently horrified the tail, and, shaking them loose from his arm, killed them by snapping them like the lash

For the rest of the day no one would have at any moment, but, on the contrary, he seemed among the liveliest of the party. There was no swelling of the arm nor any the exhibition being a number of tiny red spots on the arm, which looked as if a

Witmer himself says of the strange pecultarity which he possesses that it is something inherited from his ancestors, one in each generation back as far as he knows having had this same immunity from the poison of venomous reptiles. "I do not try to explain it." said he; "all I know is that I have no fear of snake bites, and although I have been bitten hundreds of times I never felt the slightest ill effects from any

"It is only a pastime for me to hunt and catch the most deadly serpents, and a peit. In fact, at home I have a number of pet rattlers and copperheads, which know me and will come wher I call them, just like a dog. I seem to have the same power over animals, and have yet to meet the

Miss Sweet on Matrimony. Chicago Post. For good sound sense we cannot too enthusiastically commend Miss Ada Sweet's found thinker and logical reasoner, "reaches | my period of life and attains my age without that possession called a husband I should say the length of engagement ought not exceed twenty-four hours. When a woman gets a man down to the marrying point do not let him escape by unnecessary delay." This same admirable sentiment was voiced by our old friend, Miss Dorcas Pennyroyal, as revealed by Sol Smith Rus-"Girls," exclaimed this admirable spinster impressively, "when you get an opportunity, grab him." So far as Miss Sweet is concerned let us be quoted as saying that she never reaches any period of life when the bestowal of her heart and hand would not be a distinct acquisition to any man. But as a general proposition her views on engagements are sound and worthy of adoption. When a woman has liar glimpses of the musical and literary

SAVINGS BANK ROMANCES

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES TOLD BY THE PRESIDENTS.

Strange Things Sometimes Happen Behind the Doors of These Prosaic Institutions.

New York Tribune.

A savings bank would not generally be looked on as a place to be haunted by a budding genius in search of materials for his great romance, which the monthly magazines will vie with each other to secure the right of publishing serially, and which, , in book form, is sure, in the author's mind, to run through edition after edition with marvelous rapidity. The usual conception of such a bank is that it keeps going through a humdrum, prosaic round. The tellers and clerks are constantly busied with pass books and cash books and ledgers, and large numbers of people, most of them of an uninteresting type, come in from time to time to make deposits, consisting largely of greasy bills or tightly

clutched coins. True, there are vast sums of money handled, and if you chance to get the ear of one of the bank officers he will discourse as readily of the millions of dollars' worth of securities deposited in the vaults under his care as the average dry-goods clerk does of the wares he offers to people on the other side of the counter. There is something beyond the grasp of the common mind in deposits that run up, as is the case with one of the New York savings banks, to more than \$50,000,000, and it gives one pause to be told that the interest paid by this bank to its more than 120,000 depositors amounts to upward of \$3,000,000 annually.

That truth is stranger than fiction, or, at any rate, sometimes as strange, can, however, be learned behind the doors of a com-Dr. Urban Lang, who has been the guest | monplace savings bank, though the clerks poring over the big blank books from morning till night may know it not. Many accounts in these banks are opened by people of little means, and the sums to their credit or even the third class, they nevertheless gradually accumulate from small beginnings. Thousands of them have only a the danger of meeting undesirable people of the interest accruing on their money. unless they actually see the amount entered | in the case of the "pension de famille," in their pass books every six months. Some even go further. The figures are not enough for them. They must see and handle the cash for themselves to be convinced. So it sometimes happens that one of these doubting Thomases will present his book to a paying teller and have the interest due him counted out, and then, without leaving the bank, will join the line on the other side of the room and deposit it again.

If one has the good luck to get several presidents of savings banks together, and, when they are through with talking business, hear them exchange interesting experiences, he will have an enjoyable hour. Here are some of the things which he will be likely to hear, or might have heard any time within the last few years. Imagine a group of presidents seated around a glowing sea coal fire in the luxurious office of one of them. After the conversation has "become general," as some of the novel writers say, Mr. A. discourses to this ef-VIOLATED A RULE.

"I don't know whether any of the rest of you have ever had anything like this in your experience or not. It is against the rules, of course, for our bank to take charge of the books of any of the depositors, but I must plead guilty to violating the rule, to a certain extent, myself. In one of the drawers in my desk, for the last six or seven years, I have kept the book of a woman who opened an account that long ago. As soon as she had done so she came to me and told me a moving tale of the cruelty of her husband, saying that he would give her no peace, day or night, if he knew she had put money in a bank. She was afraid to take the book home with her, as she had no place to conceal it where he could not find it, and she didn't want to tell any friend about what she was doing 'unbeknownst,' as she might have said. So she begged me, with tears in her eyes, to allow her to leave it with me, and Order of Chosen Friends reports that it has as a personal favor I consented to take made a diligent search of the suburb, but charge of it. Every now and then she comes in here, asks for the book, takes it out to make her deposit and then returns it to me. Her account now amounts to

have never suffered from a pricking of conscience because of having winked at a violation of a rule of the bank.' Mr. A. having been acquitted by the unanmous silence of his confreres, President B. began to speak. "I don't want to bore any of you who may have heard this before, he remarked, "but it certainly was a singular experience. Some years ago a hardworking mechanic opened an account in our bank, to which he added regularly for some time. After that, for a long period, money is due you,' he said, 'from such and such a savings bank.' 'Oh, I know all tract in the man's face, and, though it was a plain case of fraud, the man believed it was a valid contract and actually gave the

scoundrel lawyer half the amount in the A SURPRISED DEPOSITOR After a suitable interval, President C. took up the tale. "I don't know that I can do better," he began, "than to tell a little story which I heard a few years ago from is ill, and has been unable to leave the mer's flesh and writhing themselves about the president of one of the Brooklyn banks, and I shall try to tell it as nearly as possivival services now in progress at the man took the snakes, one by one, by the ble in his own words, as I recall them: 'As I was sitting in my office one day one of the young men in the bank came to me and showed me a book which bore the date been surprised to see the man drop dead of many years before. He said it had been brought in by an old woman. I told him to send her to me. On inquiry I learned numbness of the flesh, the only trace of | that she could neither read nor write, but she said the book belonged to her and she needle had punctured the flesh. Those were | before. As nearly as she could remember, the amount was about \$300, and several times, pointing to the book, she asked anxiously if it was not all there. I assured her that it was, and proceeded to question her as to why she had left the account so long undisturbed. She said that many years before she had been employed as a servant in Brooklyn, and had taken all she could spare from her wages and put the money in bank. After a time she went away from the city and had never since set foot in it antil that day. She was getting old, and thought it would be a good thing to go and culiar feature of it is that once a snake | get her money. Again she asked if it was has bitten me I have no difficulty in taming | all there, indicating the book, and of course I told her it was all right, except the interest-a word that seemed to convey no idea to her mind. I became convinced that she was entitled to the money, and told one of the clerks to write up the book just as though it had been an active account all the time. When his work was done I found that the amount due the old woman was about \$3,000. She was simply dazed and asked how it could be. I explained as well as I could about the interest, but she was unable to understand it. Overcome by her feelings she burst into tears when the money was brought to her. "Oh, sir," she sald, "you don't know what you have done for me. I can't understand at all how all that money belongs to me; but, do you work as long as I live." 'I don't think.' said my Brooklyn friend in telling the story, 'that I ever had a keener apprecialon of the benefits of savings banks than at that moment,' and I fancy all of us would have said the same thing if we had

been in his place." Pleasant Recollections.

New York Commercial Advertiser. in her account of her "Long Life" Mrs. Mary Cowden Clarke, now eighty-seven years old and the deanness of English literature, gives many picturesque and familgiants of yes erday. She tells us how she kissed Leigh Hunt's hand, watched Keats

by its golden hair." Mary Lamb gave her Latin lessons. Charles Lamb is quoted as solemnly declaring that "he never stam-mered when he told a lie." Mrs. Cowden Clarke heard Felix Mendelssohn improvise for Mme. Malibran, and attended the first night of Weber's "Oberon." Of the great actors and actresses of the day there are also many reminiscences and anecdotes-Edmund Kean, Munden, Liston, the elder Matthews, Miss Kelly, Mrs. Davenport, Charles and Fanny Kemble and others. Mrs. Cowden Clarke was present at many "first nights," including several of Douglas Jerrold's plays; and she saw the author himself in the principal character of "The Painter of Ghent," which he took for the first few nights. She also saw Liston's first appearance in "Paul Pry." one of his greatest "hits." She was at the Olympic "when Mme. Vestris appeared as Orpheus, clad in the smallest amount of clothing I had ever then seen worn upon the stage." Coleridge she saw but once, while he was with the Colmans at Highgate. "When I was introduced to him as Vincent Novello's eldest daughter, Coleridge was struck by my father's name, knowing it to be that of a musician, and forthwith plunged into a fervent and eloquent praise of music, branching into explanation of an idea he had, that the creation of the universe must have been accompanied by a grand, prevailing harmony of spheral music.

## AMERICANS IN EUROPE

Practical Suggestions to Those Who Are Going-Scanty Comforts.

New York Tribune. Inasmuch as the season is now approaching when the annual exodus from the new to the old world commences to pour into Europe an immense stream of American citizens and American dollars, a few words on the subject of habitation on the other side of the Atlantic may prove of timely interest, especially to those who are crossing the ocean for the first time. Of course a considerable proportion of the tourists will make their temporary homes in the great hotels which owe a large degree of their prosperity to American custom. But there are also a very large number of visitors, who, both on the score of economy as well as comfort and privacy, will prefer a more quiet home, either in the shape of a boarding house or pension, or else in furnished house which they rent for

Of the pensions there is but little to say that is good. With few of the comforts or conveniences of a hostelry of the second possess the same disadvantages as regards and making acquaintances that are questionable. Indeed, this peril is intensified the very name of which suggests to the uninitiated a sort of home conducted on the lines of a family, and the innates of which are supposed to be, if not on the same terms of intimacy as blood relations, at any rate in the enjoyment of an intercourse far closer and more familiar than would be likely to be the case at any full-fledged hotel. Aware of this condition of affairs, the pensions on the continent of Europe, particularly those that cater to Americans, are haunted by fortune hunters and adventurers, who realize that they stand a far better chance there than at a hotel of creating an impression and securing the heart as well as the money of impressionable widowed ladies and young girls from the United States visiting Europe for the first time. Often the keepers of the pensions, some of whom bear sonorous titles of nobility, aid and abet their matrimonial projects, in return, of course, for the payment of a handsome commission if the match goes through, and few people, save the victims and their parents, have any idea of the extent to which these wretched "pensions de famille" are responsible for the misery, ruin and disgrace that have darkened American hearts and homes. Of course there are some exceptions to this some pensions the proprietors of which are really well-meaning and trustworthy. But there are none of them infallible as regards the selection of the inmates of their establishment, and its conditions. no matter how well managed and carefully supervised, involve a promisculty that is always dangerous and sometimes fatal-a promiscuity that can always be avoided by taking up one's quarters in a bona fide notel or else by leasing a flat or a house.

Flats are preferable, easy to obtain and far more convenient. In fact, most people on the continent live in flats, some of which are of the most gorgeous description, and it is only the very wealthy, the people who can afford to keep up immense establishments of servants, who go to the extravagance of occupying entire houses. Thus any family which is content with an establishment of three or four servants would naturally be satisfied with a flat

rather than with an entire house. It is difficult to speak with any degree of decision concerning the prices of these about \$800. And I think I can say that I flats, which at Paris and in other continental capitals, as well as on the Riviera. are always let furnished to American tenants. But the average price of a furnished apartment of eight or nine rooms in fashionable locality may be put roughly at about \$2,000 a year, or part of a year, though naturally, in small provincial towns and out-of-the-way resorts not haif that sum will be demanded. If \$2,000 seems a heavy price to pay, it must be borne in mind that the owners, like the proprietors of the summer hotels in the United States, expect to make money enough while the season lasts to keep them in comfort and luxury the remainder of the twelve months, and hence little, if any, reduction on the plea of a shorter lease need be expected in the rent. Whether one takes the apartment for three months or for six, the price is usually the same, and one practically pays for the whole year.

It is impossible to caution people too

knowledge of the people with whom they are dealing. For the pitfalls that beset the unwary foreigner are numerous and strange. In some cases after the American has signed the lease and paid down the first installment of the rent he will find that the person who leased the place has no title whatsoever thereto, and that he himself can only maintain possession if he pays over again for a second time what he has already given in advance. Or else he may find that the house in which the apartment is situated enjoys an unviable notoriety, and is even subject to police supervision. Then, too, the most preposterous claims are always put forward with regard to the wear and tear of the furniture and unless one happens to have a firstrate lawyer at one's back one may find one's self at the conclusion of the lease called upon to pay an absolutely phenomenal amount, failing which the landlord can prevent one's departure, and even consign one to prison until bonds for the entire sum have been deposited. In this connection it must be remembered that Ameri cans are considered fair game for every landlord and landlady. In the eyes of the European, especially in the sight of the people on the continent, every citizen of the United States is necessarily a million aire. Such a thing as a poor American does not exist, and hence even the most kindhearted of the tribe-good hearts and generous instincts are rare among them-feel no compunction in robbing an American. The comforts of these flats are in no way on a par with those of the same price in New York, and while the furniture and decorations may be more elegant and in better taste, yet the conveniences are distinctly inferior. Bathrooms are the exception, not the rule, and a traveling bath should form part of the equipment of every visitor from the new world. There are but few houses where hot water is on tap, and in many of the flats even the cold water has to be carried up from the ground floor. Elevators are likewise rare, and steam heat is un- ner. He uses his left hand, writing from known, the supply of warmth being entirely | right to left, forming his letters and sendependent on the open fireplaces. Particular care must be taken with regard to the filtering of all water used for drinking purposes. With the exception of He learned the letters quickly, and wrote Vienna, there is scarcely a city or town on the continent, or, for the matter of that, | was invariably in the reverse order. in England, where the water is not polluted to such a degree as to render it totally unfit for drinking purposes. People drink so little water in Europe that no one pays much attention to this branch of sanitation, and no attempt was made by the authorities to remedy the shocking condition of the quality of the water supplied to Dublin until the leading distillers of the metropolis officially complained that it was too poisonous and polluted even to be used for the manufacture of whisky. That, of know, I shan't have to do another day's | course, appealed to the authorities, and steps were at once taken to remedy the

Valuation of the London Times.

Anyone who wants to get an idea of the value of a big newspaper may take as ; basis the estimated profit of shareholders of the London Times, as suggested in a recent trial. Mr. Adams bought one-fourteenth of two-thirds of one-ninth of two sixteenths (or 1-1512) of the Times from Mr Brodie for \$253, on the assurance that this minute share was worth £25 per annum According to him, after he had purchased the share he found it only to be worth £1; a year. On this he asked for damages, A like face with its blue eyes and aureoled ing this share to be worth £18 per annum

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Children's Drop-back, Ribbed Union Suits, were 40c to 50c. 35C Colored Novelties 25c, 39c, 49c and 68c Children's Merino Underwear reduced: Sizes 16, 18 and 20, were 10c to 15c, now... Sizes 22, 24 and 26, were 18c to 23c, now...12c Sizes 28 to 34, were 25c to 33c, now...... mines, Grenadines, etc.

25e UNDERWEAR BARGAINS. DRESS GOODS CLEARANCE. Ladies' regular 35c Ribbed Underwear. Men's 50c Fleece-lined Undershirts. Children's 38c Union Suits. Ladies' c Mohair Underwear. Men's 3 Canton Flannel Drawers. Boys' 38c Fleece-lined Underwear. 50e UNDERWEAR BARGAINS. Men's Natural Gray Wool Underwear. Men's Wool, Fleece-lined Underwear.

\$1.50 Now gives you choice of any Boys' Reefer in our store-Astrakhan and Chinchilla-sizes 3 to 14-values were up to \$5. Now gives you choice of any Boys' Ulster or Overcoat in our store-ages 3 to 14-values were up Now gives you choice of any Boys' Heavy-weight, Fancy Cloth Knee Pants Suit in our store-

sizes 4 to 14-prices were up to \$5. SPECIAL HOSIERY VALUES. Infants' All-wool Cashmere Hose reduced to 71/2c and..... Misses' All-wool, Seamless, Cashmere Hose, sizes 5 to 81/2, were 19c, at ..... Ladies' All-wool, Seamless, Regular 19c Hose reduced to...... Ladies' and Misses' regular 25c Fine All-wool Cashmere Hose at ......

Shirt Clearance Bargains

100 more or less of Men's Fian-

nel Work Shirts-part and all-wools, full sizes and well made,

were 75c to \$1-to close out......

Men's Laundered, Patch Bosom

Shirts, White Body with Per-

cale Bosoms; some also have

Percale Cuffs; some open fronts

and backs, were 50c and 75c;

choice now, 3 for \$1, or, each....

Ladies' Fleeced, Ribbed Union

Suits, 50c quality, at.....

GREAT UNDERWEAR BARGAINS.

Ladies' All-wool Scarlet Underwear.

BOYS' CLOTHING CLEARANCE.

Children's Wool, Drop-back Union Suits.

Ladies' Finest Imported All-wool Worsted, regular 50c Hose, Ribbed or Flat; sale price ...... Boys' Extra Heavy Fleeced, Ribbed Bicycle Hose, Fast Black-sizes 6 to 9-sale at...... Men's Half-wool Merino 15c Half Hose reduced to..... Men's All-wool Heavy, Seamless, Knit Socks-25c grade at..... Men's Fine, All-wool Cashmere Half Hose-25c grade; sale at....

CLOAKS MUST GO

We are selling a great many Cloaks-at prices from one-third to one-half of former and Bolster Cases. prices-but they must all be sold, as we want a clean stock. Ladies' Jackets......\$3.50

For Beavers and Fancy Boucle Garments, Silk Linings, newest and nobbiest of styles; former prices, \$6.50 to \$8.50. Ladies' Finest Cloaks .... \$5.00 At \$5 we are offering choice of any Ladies' Jacket in our store-finest materials and

best makes-goods that sold up to \$20; choice, new, \$5. Great Cape Bargains....\$1.98 To \$7.50 for Capes that sold from \$5 to \$20 -every Lady's, Child's and Miss's Wrap

SEPARATE SKIRTS. \$4.50 Novelty Skirts now......\$3.48 \$2.50 Black Skirts now.....\$1.48 \$8.50 Novelty Black Silk Skirts.......\$5.98 In 1, 2 and 3-line Cord Stripes-OTHER CLOAK ROOM BARGAINS. 50c Crochet Ladies' Skirts at......25c 5c to \$1 All-wool Skirt Patterns......50c \$1.25 Wool Shirt Waists..................69c Choice 50c to \$1 Feather Boas......25c 25c Breakfast Shawis......19c

The Star Store Three squares west of Illinois St.

years' purchase. The jury valued it at

represent value, for Mr. Walter, as printer,

derives a large profit on an old contract.

Bursting in from school or play,

Trooping, crowding, big and small,

This is what the children say,

On the threshold, in the hall-

"Where's mother?

This same question comes again;

Bearing home his earliest prize;

Where's mother?

From the boy with sparkling eyes,

From the bronzed and bearded son,

Joining in the constant cry,

From the weary bed of pain

Perils past and honors won;

Burdened with a lonely task,

One day we may vainly ask

For the rest of her embrace

For the comfort of her face,

Well for us that we can say,

Mother with untiring hands

At the post of duty stands.

Anxious for the good alone

Ever as the days go by

New York Herald.

tences backward.

Of the children as they cry,

"Where's mother?"

HIS VISION IS PERVERTED.

A Boy Who Writes Backward, but

Sees It as if Written Correctly.

A remarkable case of what, for want of

just now attracting much attention in

North Adams, Mass. The victim of this

strange malady is John Chidotti, a six-

year-old boy who attends the public schools

of that city. Physically and mentally, so lar

as scientists and physicians can determine,

he in no way differs from other boys of

his age, except that it is practically impos-

sible for him to write in the ordinary man-

This pecularity of the boy was noticed as

soon as he began to take writing lessons.

rapidly for one so young, but his writing

Starting from the wrong side of the page

acters which looked unlike anything called

writing, but if the page was held before a

mirror the reflection was perfectly legible

to say, he makes figures in the proper

manner. Yet he cannot explain the differ-

ence between writing figures from left to

right and letters just the reverse. It seems

mpossible to teach this cand that there

is anything peculiar about his chirography.

like that of any other person.

ooking-glass fashion.

and he persists that his handwriting is

One may guide his right hand over a line

ment his hand is released he instantly

changes the pencil to his left hand and

commences to write in his through-the-

Another peculiar feature of this perverted

and appeared like ordinary writing. Strange

he would cover his copybook with char-

-Good Housekeeping.

Patient, seeking not her own.

Let us love her while we may,

"Where's mother?

Ever as the days go by

# DRESS GOODS

See our window display of the finest line of Dress Goods Novelties we have ever shown-the handsomest assortment of pop-

In all the newest colorings and designs, Black Goods 25c, 33c, 39c, 49c to \$1.50. In Plain Goods, Brocades, Lizards, Eta-

English Cashmeres at..... 19c English Cashmeres at ......1212c 19c Figured Novelties at..... 50c All-wool Noveities at..... 75c to \$1.50 Imported Novelties at...... \$i Silk-finish Black Henrietta..... 59 59c Black Lizard Novelties..... DRESS LINING BARGAINS. HAIR CLOTH AT 4c.

25 pieces of the regular 10c Hair Cloth on sale now at..... BEST CAMBRICS AT 3 1-2e. On sale Monday and all week, if they last-all colors in Best Kid Cambric Skirt Linings at.....

BUSTLE SKIRT LINING, 10c. ast Black and a fair assortment of colors in our regular 15c yardwide, best quality Skirt Linings reduced to..... DOUBLE FACED SILESIA, 10c. 4c ) 15 pieces Black Back Waist Lining-the 15c grade-on sale Mon-

day, and all week, if they last, IUC \ LADIES' 25e OVERGAITERS, 14c. at, per yard..... FEBRUARY DOMESTIC BARGAINS. 10c | 100 pieces of best quality Indigo Blue, Turkey Red and Fancy Prints-regular 5c grades-20-yard limit; on sale Monday

morning at ..... Turkey Red Figured Prints, 20yard limit, at ..... Staple Check Apron Ginghams, 20yard limit, at ..... 9c 22 yards of extra quality, yard-wide Unbleached Sheeting Mus-\$1.00 22 yards of Soft-finish, yard-wide,

regular 6½c Bleached Muslin, \$1.00 Bargains in Wide Sheetings at 12c, 14c and 16c a yard. Bleached, Brown and Half Bleached, 8 and 10-4 widths. Bargains in ready-made Sheets, Pillo

SPECIAL FEBRUARY LINENS. New Towels, all Linen, 20 by 40 inches, Knotted Fringe, at......15c 50 dozen Large Size, All-linen Huck Towels—worth 12½c and 15c, at....... 9c Fancy Linen Dresser Scarfs, 35c, 25c....19c Turkey Red Crepe Figured, regular 25c Table Damasks at ......19c

50 dozen Fancy Damask Pattern, All-linen, Fringed Napkins, Plain White and Colored Borders-a bargain, per All-linen Table Damasks in 72-inch Unbleached, per yard..... 70-inch Bleached, per yard...... 60-inch Silver Bleached, per yard.. A special in Extra Heavy, Round Thread Linen Barnsly Crash-a

regular 121/2c grade at, per yard. 50 PIECES WHITE DIMITY. the regular 10c grade-sale price, per yard.....

A LACE CURTAIN SPECIAL. To close out the following numbers before our new spring Curtains arrive we have made a choice price of \$1.50; all 31/2 yards

Quantity Former pairs. price. White \$1.98 White Ecru 1.98 And several other lots of regular \$2 to \$3 Curtains in small lots, mostly 3 to 6 pairs.

(which seems about the average value), it she has little hope of remedy unless she is clear, says London Truth, that the net can induce the child to use his right hand. dividend on shares is £27,216. Mr. Adams, Dr. C. W. Wright, of North Adams, Dr. C. W. Wright, of North Adams, a believing it to worth £353, paid for it 14.1 specialist on the eye, after a number of examinations of the boy's eyes, has ar-£288, which, taking the annual return at rived at the conclusion that the child is, £18, would be sixteen years' purchase, mak- to use his own expression, "a freak of naing the Times worth £435,456. This, how- | ture." He does not, however, think that ever, does not quite correctly, I believe, there is any unusual crossing of the nerve fibers of the eye. The doctor, in all his years of experience, never met with an This contract, in point of fact, represents | analogous case.

what may be called preference shares, while those of the shareholders may be Some years ago a returning Arctic explorer told of a number of Esquimaux termed ordinary shares, the value of the whom he met in the north of Greenland, who, when he gave them some colored lithographs, persisted in hanging them upside down, and when asked why they did so declared that only when they were so hung did they appear natural. or object seemed to occupy a proper posi- Anna in the February Century. When tion, but in the case of pictures, apparent- recrossed the river and returned to headly, they found it necessary to reverse them | quarters in the evening, I found General in order to appreciate them.

> TREES ON A TOWER. Only Instance Known Is at Greens-

Leslie's Weekly. Probably one of the most peculiar things of nature is a grove of trees growing from the apex of the courthouse tower at Greensburg, Ind. This is the only thing of this kind in existence, except in England, where, on the top of the parish church tower, in Bicknoller, Somersetshire, is a yew tree, now four feet high and still growing in a hardy fashion. It is generally be- | caught in the crack of a door, and small lieved that the tree owes its origin to a seed dropped by a bird, although some claim that it was purposely planted in the earth and mortar between the stones. The tree was first noticed about eight years ago. The existence of the trees on the Greensburg tower, however, is much more puzzling, owing to the fact that there are none of their species within several miles. and their place of habitation is entirely de-

standing has not lived through more than better name, is termed perveted vision is | twenty years. The building was erected in the early sixties. It stands in the center of the public square, on a gradual elevation of perhaps ten miles around in the surrounding country, and a grove of maples surrounds the famous temple of justice, making one of the most beautiful parks to be

For thirty years trees have been growing

on the tower, although the oldest now

found in that section. Eever since the first tree in this grove made its appearance, ample nourishment reached the roots of the beautiful specimens of the large-toothed aspen (Populus grandidentata) growing in the crevices of the tower, which is built principally of hewn blocks of limestone. Creeping through the narrow interstices, between the heavy layers of hard rock, the sprouts continued to flourish. Even during the drought's of recent years, when all vegetation in the neighborhood was suffering and dying, the trees continued to thrive and wave their branches to the hot winds, not- more of 'em.' withstanding the fact that their abode, devoid of moisture, so high in the air, was always hotter in the heated season than that of other vegetation, and the large stones would be so hot that the birds could not alight upon them.

includes the willows and poplars, the seeds are very small and clothed with a long, silky down. As there are no known trees of copy in the proper manner, but the moof this species nearer than Kentucky, across the Ohio, more than fifty miles away, it is supposed the seeds were carried by birds and lodged between the rocks, where they naturally propagated in the meager amount of dust and moisture gath-

Like all other trees of this family, which

vision is that apparently he has no diffiulty in reading the handwriting of other The first tree appeared on the uppermost part of the tower about the year 1866, and persons, although there is such a difference soon, to the astonishment of the entire etween his own and that of others. His eacher, Miss Alice C. Buckley, says that | town, assumed a speedy growth. About a e evidently tries very hard to do as he is | year after, on a different part of the tower, old, but it is as difficult for him to write | a second one was observed to be growing, n the ordinary manner as it would be for | while it was followed by another. With mother to practice his unique method. She | the scant moisture, and almost devoid of annot make up her mind whether his dif- any earthy matter whatever, the roots from the fact that he is left handed, but continued until the largest attained a upon inciement days.

SHOE

CLEARANCE SALE

LADIES' \$3.98 SHOES AT \$2.48.

Fine French Kid, Hand-sewed, Button and Lace; Coin, Needle and Opera Toesular priced goods in blacks and colors that \ the regular \$3.98 grade; during clearance sale at \$2.48.

LADIES' \$2.50 SHOES AT \$1.69.

Fine French Dongoia Stock, Button and Lace, Newest Style Toes-a stylish Shoe, and is exceptional value at \$1.69.

LADIES' \$2 SHOES AT \$1.19. Vici Kid, Flexible Seles, Button or Lace,

Very Stylish Toes, all sizes, mostly all BOYS' \$1.25 SHOES AT 89c.

Veal Calf, Lace Shoes-a great clearance

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, 67c. In all sizes-Grain, Spring Heel, Buttonregular 90c quality. Makes a good-wearing School Shoe.

MEN'S WORKING SHOES, 79c.

Waterproof Grain Stock-a \$1.25 Shoeclearance sale value, 79c. 31/2 C MEN'S TANNERY CALF SHOES, \$1.48.

Lace and Congress, Custom Made-regular \$2.50 Shoes-during this sale at \$1.48. LADIES' GOODYEAR RUBBERS, 39c.

Regular Goodyear Glove Rubbers-always sell at 50c-all styles and all sizes. LADIES' RUBBER BOOTS, \$1.39.

LADIES' 25e RUBBERS, 16c.

THE GREATEST NOTION BARGAINS

Ever offered anywhere can be found on sale at our store during this clearance sale. Call and see these goods-immense values.

NOTION HUMMERS. Package Tacks for.....lo 12 sheets Writing Paper.....lo 12 Envelopes for .....le Large Rubber Erasers.....lo Lead and Covered Slate Pencils.....le Memorandum Books at......lo Card Hooks and Eyes (2 dozen).....lo Children's School Handkerchiefs ........... 10

For Yarns, Split Zephyrs, etc., rancy and Staple Colors-worth be to 10c a skein-a great notion bar-NOTION COUNTER.

Mohair Cord Edge Skirt Binding, yard ... lo

Curling Irons, all sizes.....40 TV Tracing Wheels ......40 Fancy Hair Pins .....40 5c Novels, by best authors.....40 Celluloid and Leather Purses.....40 White Agate Buttons, 12 dozen for ......40 Large Agate Buttons, 6 dozen for ......40 Combs, Coarse, Fine or Pocket ......40

Finishing Braids, all colors, bolt ......40 Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs at .....40 OTHER NOTION CLEARANCES.

Coralin Dress Stays, worth 25c, for ...... 15c Large line Fancy Laces-in White and 

Children's Hose Supporters.....40



height of twenty-three feet, and it moved the stones considerably. The trees were condemned as a serious menace to the structure, and the largest two mere removed, root and branch. And now, amid the moss and what little vegetable matter can cling to the elevated space, others have continued to sprout and grow, until the citizens are again afraid they will do great

damage to the structure. AN ENEMY OF YANKEES. A Southern Woman Who Complained

to Grant. Gen. Horace Porter gives many amusing pictures of army life in his series of papers on "Campaigning with Grant," ning in the Century. He tells the follow-To these natives the actual individual ing story of the campaign on the North Grant sitting in front of his tent smoking a cigar and anxious to hear the report as to the extent of the damage to the railroad, About the time I finished relating to him what had been accomplished, an old woman who occupied a small house near by strolled over to headquarters, apparently bent on having a friendly chat with the commander of the Yankee armies. The number of questions she asked showed that she was not lacking in the quality of curiosity which is supposed to be common to her sex. She wore an old-fashloned calico dress about six inches too short, with the sleeves rolled up to the elbows. She had a nose so sharp that it looked as if it had been

gray eyes that twinkled and snapped as she spoke. She began by nodding a familiar "How do you do?" to the general, and saying in a voice that squeaked like the high notes of an E-flat clarinet with a soft reed: "I believe you command all these h'yah Yankees that are comin' down h'yah and cavortin' round over this whole section of country." The general bowed an assent and she continued: "I'm powerful glad General Lee has been licking you-all from the Rapidan cl'an down h'yah, and that now he's got you jes wh'ah he wants you," Then she drew up a camp chair alongside the general, seated herself on it, and finding that her remarks seemed to be received good-naturedly, grew still more familiar, and went on to say: "Yes, and afo" long Lee'll be a-chasin' you-all up through Pennsylvany ag'in. Was you up than in Pennsylvany when he got aftah you-all last summer?" The general had great difficulty in keeping his face straight as he replied: "Well, no; I wasn't there myself, I had some business in another direction." He did not explain to her that Vicksburg was at that time commanding something of his attention. Said she: boys got away with lots of 'em Conestoga hosses up thah, and they brought lots of 'em back with 'em. We've got a pretty good show of 'em round this section of the country, and they're jes the best drafthorses you ever see. Hope the boys'll get

up than ag'in soon, and bring back some The general kept on smoking his cigar, and was greatly amused by the conversation. After a little while the woman went back to her house, but returned later, and said: "See h'yah: I 'm all aione in my house and I am kinder skeered. I expect them Yankee soldiers of yourn'll steal everything I have and murder me afo' morning, if you don't give me some protection. "Oh," replied the general, "we'll see that you are not hurt;" and turning to Lieutenant Dunn, of the staff, he said: "Dunn, you had better go and stay in the old lady's house to-night. You can probably make yourself more comfortable there than in camp anyhow; and I don't want her to he frightened. Dunn followed the old woman rather re-

dian angel to her till the next morning. Ensily Found.

Philadelphia Record. The ground hog may be a myth, but the car hog who sits sidewise and projects a leulty comes from a defect in his eyes or I wedged between the stones, their growth I swinging boot can always see his shadow

luctantly to her house, and played guar-